

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 066888
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/AFN:JKBISHOP:MAR
APPROVED BY NEA:AFN:JBISHOP
S/S-O: SVALERGA
NEA:RENEUMANN
-----126959 152206Z /65

O 152136Z MAR 78 ZFF6
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE
INFO WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 066888

NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PPDC, MASS, MO

SUBJECT: KING'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT

1. FOLLOWING IS MOROCCAN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF
LETTER LEFT SITH VICE PRESIDENT FOR DELIVERY TO PRESIDENT
BY MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA MARCH 14.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT:

IT IS PARTICULARLY AGREEABLE FOR US TO EXPRESS TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY OUR FRIENDLY AND DEEPLY FELT THANKS FOR YOUR
GOOD WISHES, AND THE CONGRATULATIONS WHICH YOU HAVE SO
KINDLY ADDRESSED TO US--IN YOUR NAME AND THAT OF THE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 066888

AMERICAN PEOPLE--ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATIONS OF
THE NATIONAL DAY OF OUR KINGDOM, AND THE 17TH ANNIVERSARY
OF OUR ACCESSION TO THE ALAOUIE THRONE.

WE ARE MOST SENSIBLE OF, AND GRATIFIED BY, THE WISH EX-
PRESSED BY YOUR EXCELLENCY OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING
THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND

OF WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A MORE PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL WORLD.

IT IS TO EMPHASIZE OUR COMMON DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY LINKS WHICH UNITE US THAT WE WISH TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY CERTAIN RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION ON THE SUBJECT OF THE TERRITORY OF THE WESTERN SAHARA WHICH WAS CEDED BACK TO US BY SPAIN AFTER THE AGREEMENT OF THE 14TH NOVEMBER 1975. THIS PUT AN END, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USAGES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO A COLONIAL SITUATION WHICH HAD CUT OFF A PART OF OUR NATIONAL TERRITORY.

DURING THE "HEARING" OF THE 1ST MARCH 1978 BY THE TWO SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OF AFRICA, MR. VELIOTES, ASSISTANT TO THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AND SOUTH-EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS, MADE A STATEMENT.

IN THE FIRST PART, MR. VELIOTES RECALLED THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES; HE EMPHASIZED IN PARTICULAR:

1) THE POSITION TAKEN BY OUR GOVERNMENT IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 066888

2) THE WISE AND MODERATE ATTITUDE--AS HE DESCRIBED IT--ADOPTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT TOWARDS THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

3) THE LIBERAL POLICIES FOLLOWED INSIDE OUR COUNTRY, AND ITS TRADITION OF RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE.

4) THE VARIOUS AMNESTIES AND PRAISEWORTHY EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY US TO ENSURE RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN; AND THE PROGRESS RECORDED.

IN THE SECOND PART OF HIS STATEMENT, DEALING WITH THE TERRITORY OF THE SAHARA, MR. VELIOTES SAID, "IF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY OF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA IS GENERALLY NOT CONTESTED, IT IS NO LESS THE CASE THAT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THOSE TWO COUNTRIES OVER THE SAID TERRITORY IS NOT RECOGNIZED...".

THIS DISTINCTION, MR. PRESIDENT, BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION AND SOVEREIGNTY--OF WHICH WE APPREHEND NEITHER THE SENSE NOR THE INTENTION--MAY WELL, IF REPEATED BY RESPONSIBLE AMERICANS, GIVE OUR COMMON ENEMIES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR

MALEVOLENT INTERPRETATIONS. IT COULD INDUCE THEM TO CONSIDER THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS CHANGED ITS ATTITUDE--AN ATTITUDE WHICH HAS ALWAYS CONFORMED WITH

JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE HAS, FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL RECOGNIZED THE TIES OF ALLEGIANCE (SOVEREIGNTY) BETWEEN THE INHABITANTS OF THAT TERRITORY (THE SAHARA), AND THE KINGS OF MOROCCO. THE MADRID AGREEMENT OF 14TH NOVEMBER 1975, IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS--IN PARTICULAR, ARTICLE 33--PUT AN END TO A SITUATION OF COLONIALIZATION, AND TO INTERFERENCE WITH THE TERRITORIAL
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 066888

INTEGRITY OF A STATE.

THE EXPRESSION OF THE WISHES OF THE POPULATION WAS REVEALED BY THE ORGANIZATION ENTITLED TO JUDGE, IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE JEMA'A, OR LOCAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING THE UNANIMOUS VOICE OF ALL THE INHABITANTS.

BY RENOUNCING ALL RESPONSIBILITY, BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND INTERNAL, SPAIN CEDED BACK TO US THE TERRITORY ON WHICH WE EXERCISE ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY.

ON A MORE GENERAL STRATEGICAL AND GEOPOLITICAL LEVEL, OUR SPECIAL ENVOY--THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION--WILL EXPLAIN TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR VIEWS WHICH, WE BELIEVE, WILL COINCIDE WITH YOURS, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

WE SHOULD BE MOST GRATIFIED WHEN THE OCCASION ARISES TO HEAR YOUR VERY PERTINENT VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.

WE REITERATE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR FIRM INTENTION OF WORKING TOWARDS THE STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPING OF THE EXCELLENT CENTURY-OLD RELATIONS WHICH UNITE OUR TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

WE BEG YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO BE ASSURED OF OUR HIGHEST REGARD AND FRIENDLY FEELINGS.

MADE AT THE ROYAL PALACE, RABAT
8TH MARCH 1978

HASSAN II
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 05 STATE 066888

KING OF MOROCCO

UNQUOTE. END TEXT. VANCE

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TEXT, FOREIGN RELATIONS, AGREEMENTS, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, TERRITORIAL CLAIMS, CAT-B
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE066888
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JKBISHOP:MAR
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: P840176-1469, N780003-0483
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780364/aaaacbze.tel
Line Count: 178
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: a638cec6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3319280
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KING'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
TAGS: PPDC, MASS, PBOR, MO, US, SP, (VELIOTES, NICHOLAS A)
To: RABAT WHITE HOUSE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/a638cec6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014